REMARKS

Claims 21, 23, 25, 27, 29-36, and 39-43 were pending in the application, with Claims 21, 40 and 41 being independent. Claims 21, 40, and 41 have been amended. Upon entry of these amendments, Claims 21, 23, 25, 27, 29-36, and 39-43 will be pending and under active consideration, with Claims 21, 40, and 41 being independent.

In response to the Office Action entitled "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.121" dated June 4, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit that the inadvertent omission of the text of the withdrawn claims has been corrected herein. Accordingly, to be fully responsive under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.121(h), Applicants have provided herewith the required entire "Amendments to the Claims" Section of the Response filed on March 25, 2004 (Paper No. 26). This document provides the full set pending Claims, Claims 21, 23, 25, 27, 29-36, and 39-43. This set of claims replaces all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified amendments to the specification and claims be made prior to the examination of the above-referenced application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees necessary to complete this filing and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

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